

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Correctional employees provide a safe, secure and humane environment for both staff and offenders putting public safety first while they carry out the mandates of the legislature and judiciary; and

WHEREAS, The custody and supervision of convicted felons are crucial components of our criminal justice system and play a vital role for the citizens of the Commonwealth inherent right to be protected from those who choose to violate the laws of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Correctional employees who work in the prisons, probation and parole offices, jails and halfway houses across this Commonwealth maintain supervision and control and provide access to counseling and treatment for more than 58,000 offenders; and

WHEREAS, There are 3,933 correctional employees that serve in a variety of job capacities ranging from correctional officers and captains to nurses and doctors, administrative staff, and fiscal officers to mental health counselors, probation and parole officers to wardens, all of whom provide diverse services to the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, These employees work cooperatively, day in and day out, with religious and community organizations, local governments, and inmate families, to carry out initiatives that facilitate a successful re-entry and transition back into society for the approximately 16,000 inmates who are released from the Department's custody each year; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections recognizes correctional employees are its most valuable asset and understands the necessity of developing its future leaders today while providing career advancement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, In light of the tremendous dangers faced by these brave individuals every day while serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and for the professional manner by which correctional employees perform their duties, it is fitting that our citizens join to remember and commend all correctional employees for performing such perilous and challenging tasks; recognizing they deserve the appreciation of all the citizens of this Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 3-8, 2010, as

CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 12th day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 218th year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

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